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Sonic's the *fastest* thing on planet Mobius, and leads a gang of Freedom Fighters. There's nothing he loves more than danger and excitement – and there's always plenty of both when he's battling the evil Dr Robotnik!

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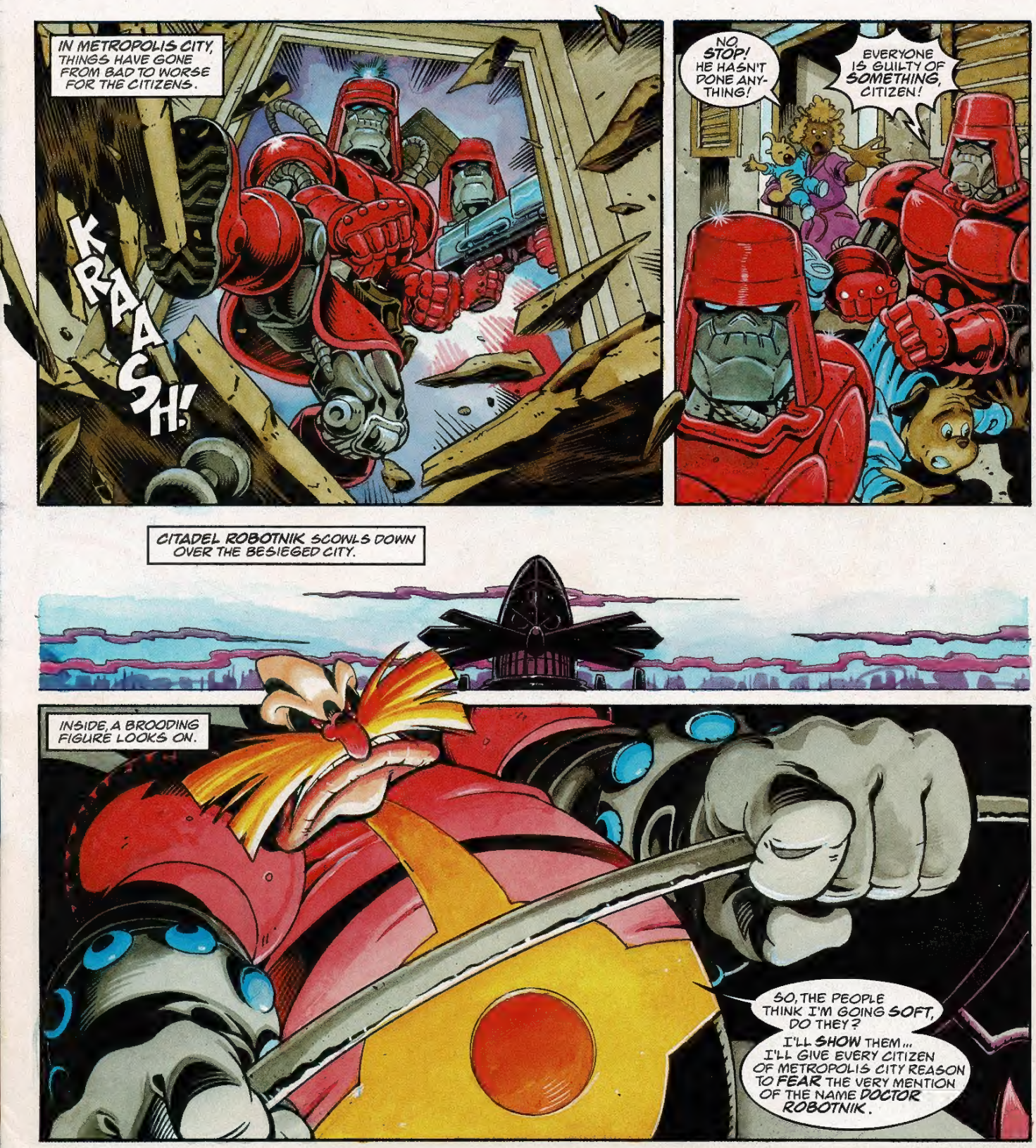
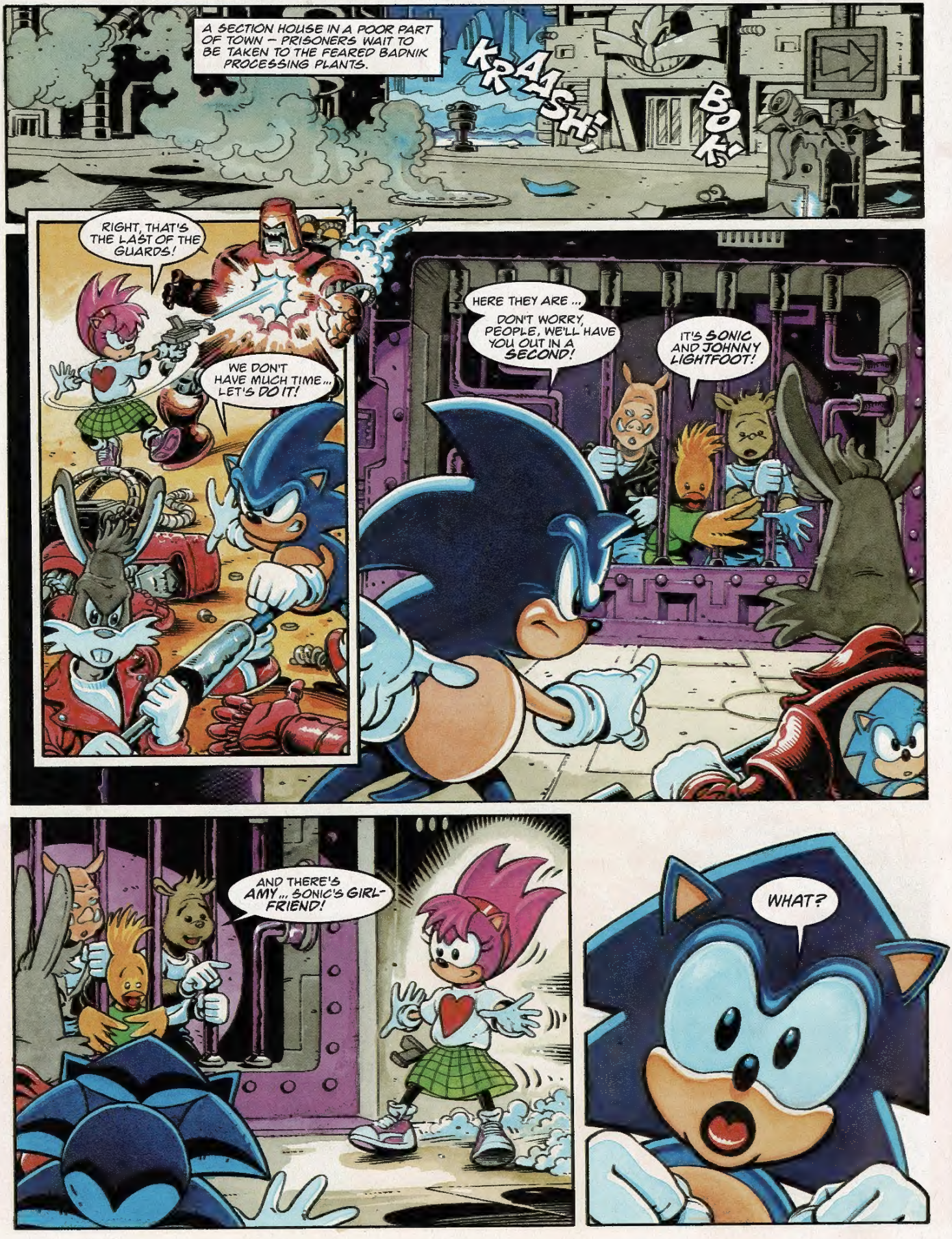
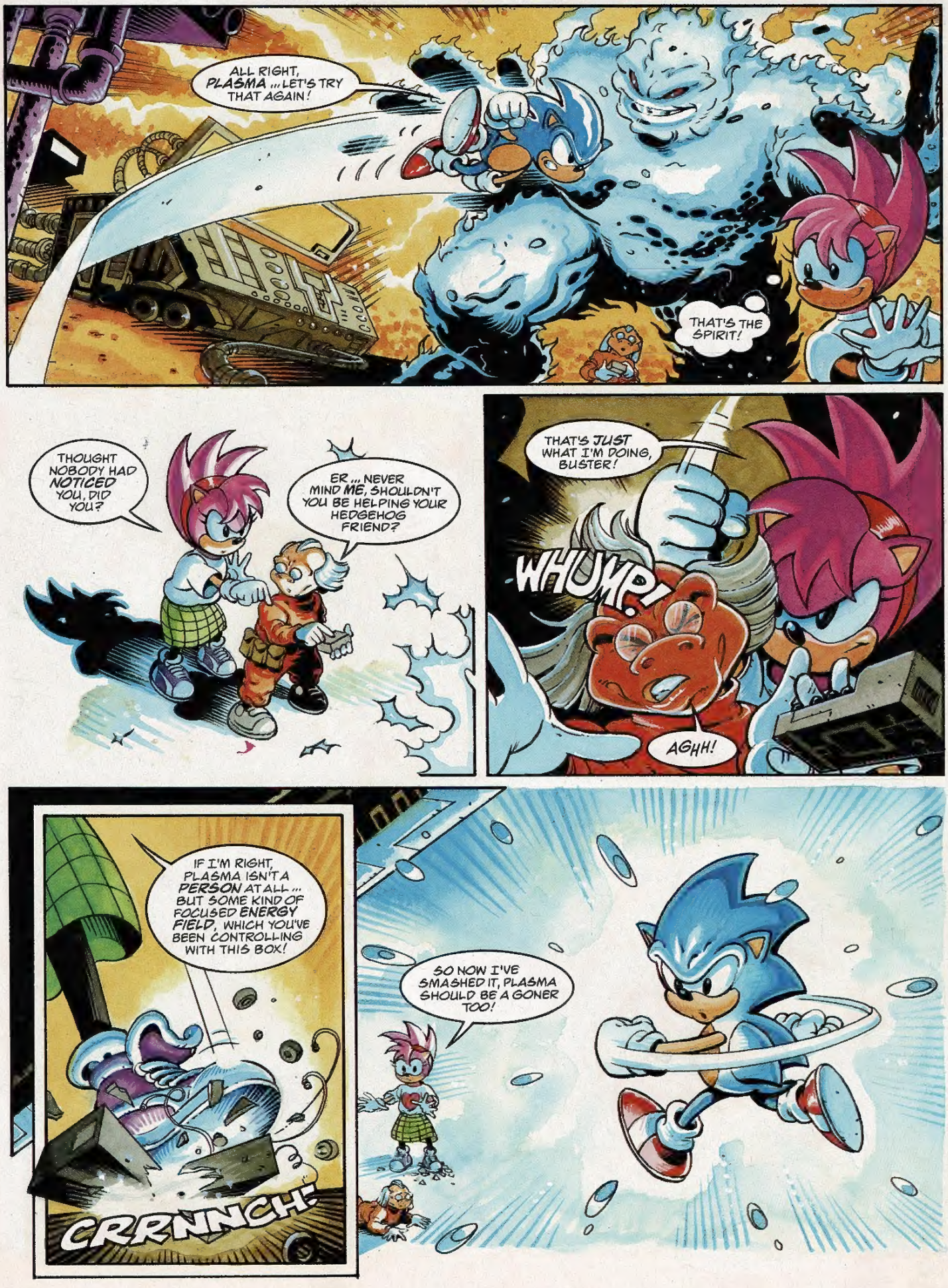

IN METROPOLIS CITY, THINGS HAVE GONE FROM BAD TO WORSE FOR THE CITIZENS.
KRAASH!
NO, STOP! HE HASN'T DONE ANY-THING!
EVERYONE IS GUILTY OF SOMETHING, CITIZEN!
CITADEL ROBOTNIK SCOWLS DOWN OVER THE BESIEGED CITY.
INSIDE, A BROODING FIGURE LOOKS ON.
SO, THE PEOPLE THINK I'M GOING SOFT, DO THEY?
I'LL SHOW THEM... I'LL GIVE EVERY CITIZEN OF METROPOLIS CITY REASON TO FEAR THE VERY MENTION OF THE NAME DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.

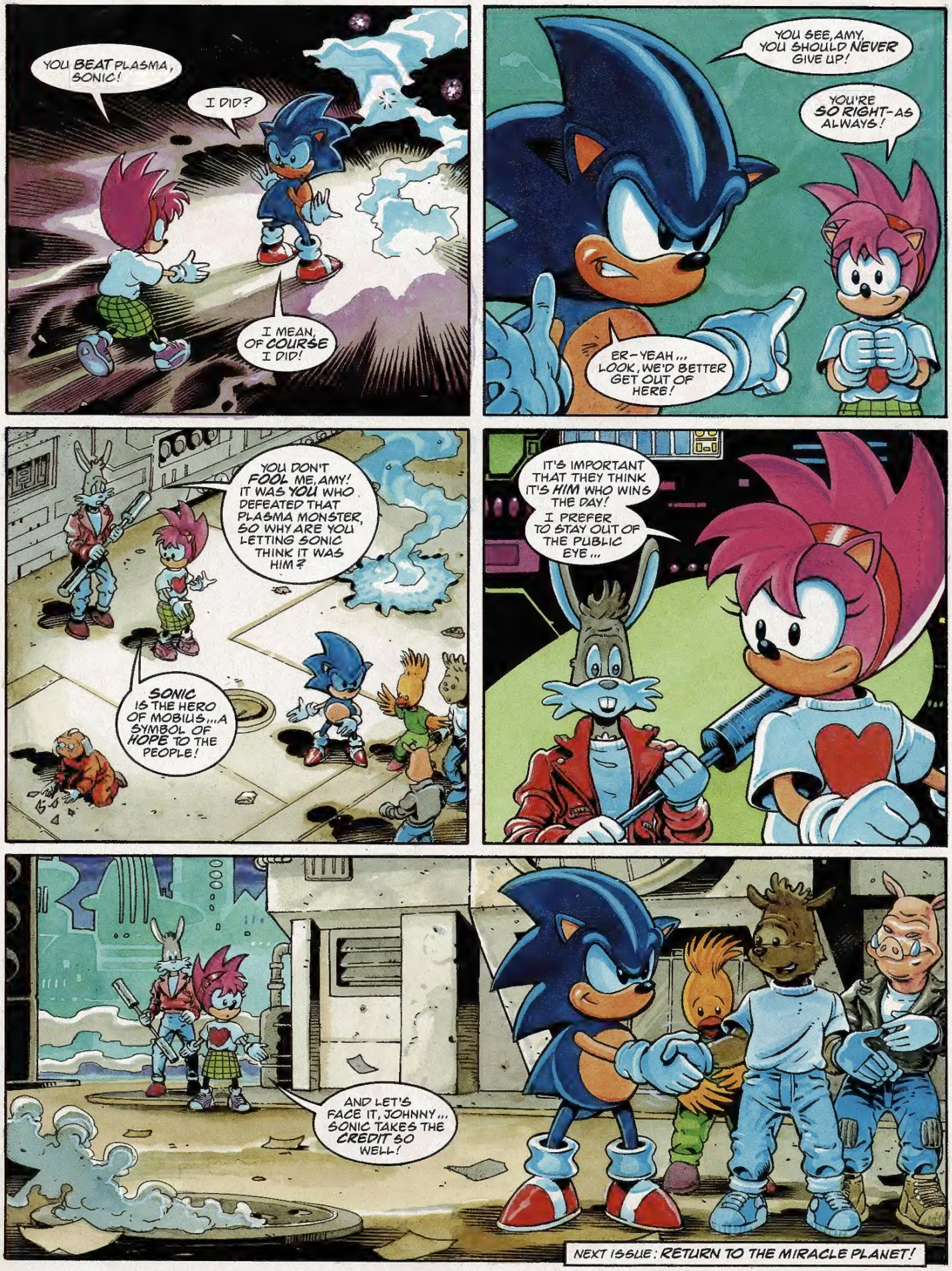

A SECTION HOUSE IN A POOR PART OF TOWN – PRISONERS WAIT TO BE TAKEN TO THE FEARED BADNIK PROCESSING PLANTS.
KRAASH!
BOK!
RIGHT, THAT'S THE LAST OF THE GUARDS!
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME... LET'S DO IT!
HERE THEY ARE...
DON'T WORRY, PEOPLE, WE'LL HAVE YOU OUT IN A SECOND!
IT'S SONIC AND JOHNNY LIGHTFOOT!
AND THERE'S AMY... SONIC'S GIRL-FRIEND!
WHAT?

NOW LOOK HERE, BUSTER, AMY IS NOT MY GIRLFRIEND!
I'M GETTING REALLY SICK OF FOLK ALWAYS ASSUMING...
SONIC, IS THIS REALLY THE TIME?
ER ... YES, YES, YOU'RE RIGHT JOHNNY! AMY, COULD YOU OPEN THAT CELL DOOR FOR ME?
ANYTHING FOR YOU, SWEETHEART!
KNOCK IT OFF, AMY!
YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT, SHE HAS HER USES!
HRUUMP!
SHOOM!
SONIC, WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE QUICKLY, BEFORE HE COMES BACK!
BEFORE WHO COMES BACK?

BEFORE I COME BACK, YOU FOOLS!
I, PLASMA, MASTER OF ELECTRONS!*
MY NAME'S ARNEM ABACUS... IF ANYONE'S INTERESTED!
* HE'S THE MASTER OF POSITIVE IONS TOO, BUT HE NEVER TALKS ABOUT IT – MEGADROID.
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS PUT US IN CHARGE OF THIS DISTRICT OF METROPOLIS CITY. NOW WON'T HE BE PLEASED WHEN I GIVE HIM SONIC THE HEDGEHOG?
NOT AS PLEASED AS WE'LL BE WHEN WE GET THE TWO MILLION REWARD MONEY!
YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO TURN ME IN? DREAM ON, BOZOS!
DEEP FRIED HEDGEHOG, ANYONE?
ZZZZZAK!
AAAAAGH!

GIVE IT UP, SONIC, YOU CAN'T BEAT ME!
GIVE UP? I HAVEN'T EVEN BEGUN YET!
I'LL CREATE A SONIC-CYCLONE AND RIP YOU TO PIECES!
I AM PURE ENERGY... NOTHING YOU DO AFFECTS ME!
FAZAAK!
AGGGH!
ZZAK!
HOWEVER, I CAN AFFECT YOU! LIKE THIS!
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO... I CAN'T EVEN TOUCH THE CREEP!
DON'T GIVE UP, SONIC... HE WAS WORRIED THERE FOR A SECOND!
DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
ANYWAY... WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT GIVING UP?


ALL RIGHT, PLASMA ... LET'S TRY THAT AGAIN!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
THOUGHT NOBODY HAD NOTICED YOU, DID YOU?
ER ... NEVER MIND ME, SHOULDN'T YOU BE HELPING YOUR HEDGEHOG FRIEND?
THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M DOING, BUSTER!
WHUMP!
AGHH!
IF I'M RIGHT, PLASMA ISN'T A PERSON AT ALL ... BUT SOME KIND OF FOCUSED ENERGY FIELD, WHICH YOU'VE BEEN CONTROLLING WITH THIS BOX!
CRRNNCH!
SO NOW I'VE SMASHED IT, PLASMA SHOULD BE A GONER TOO!


YOU BEAT PLASMA, SONIC!
I DID?
I MEAN, OF COURSE I DID!
YOU SEE, AMY, YOU SHOULD NEVER GIVE UP!
YOU'RE SO RIGHT-AS ALWAYS!
ER-YEAH... LOOK, WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!
YOU DON'T FOOL ME, AMY! IT WAS YOU WHO DEFEATED THAT PLASMA MONSTER, SO WHY ARE YOU LETTING SONIC THINK IT WAS HIM?
SONIC IS THE HERO OF MOBIUS...A SYMBOL OF HOPE TO THE PEOPLE!
IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THEY THINK IT'S HIM WHO WINS THE DAY!
I PREFER TO STAY OUT OF THE PUBLIC EYE...
AND LET'S FACE IT, JOHNNY... SONIC TAKES THE CREDIT SO WELL!
NEXT ISSUE: RETURN TO THE MIRACLE PLANET!

KNUCKLES™ and TAILS™

THE REVENGE OF TROGG Part 3

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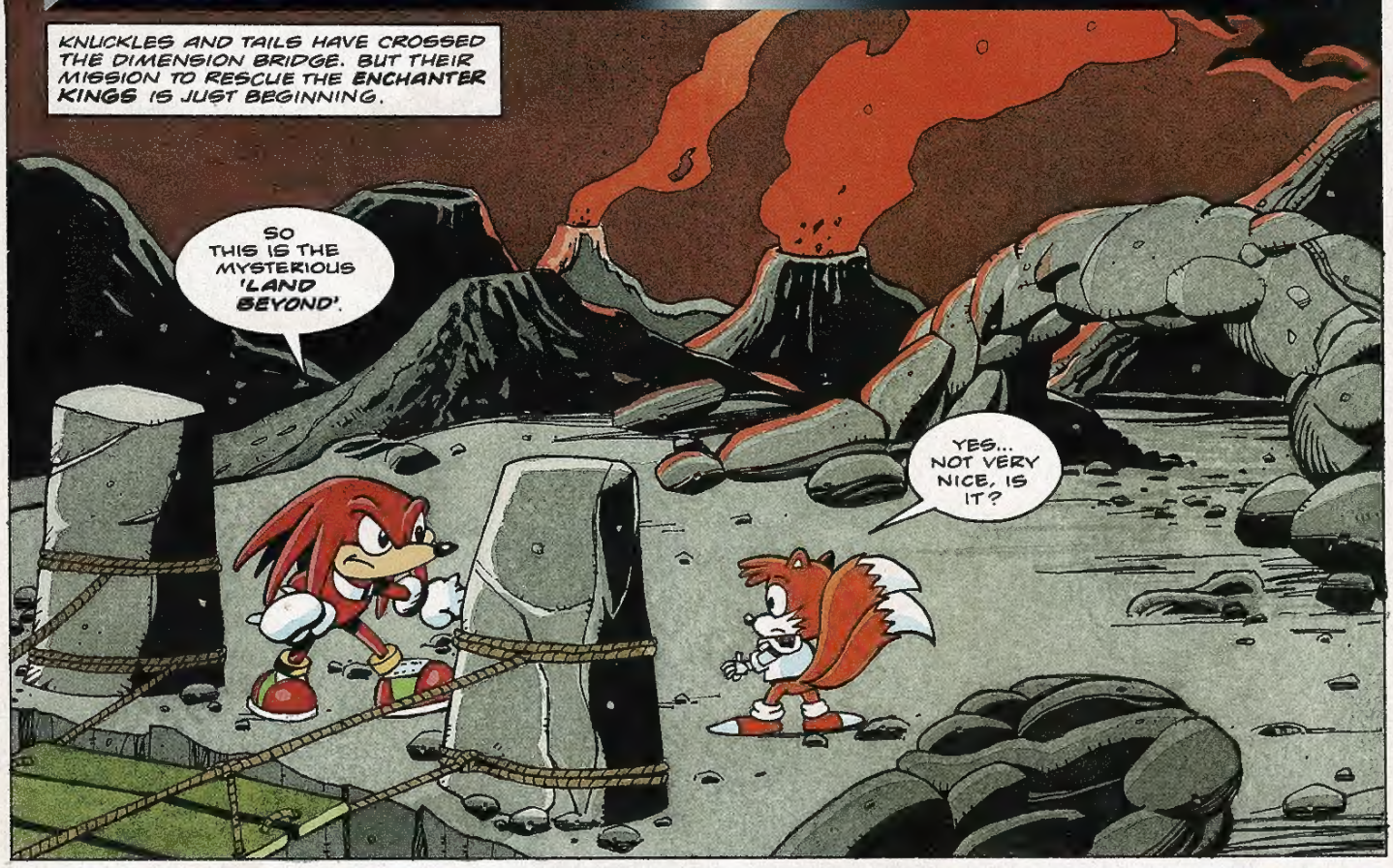
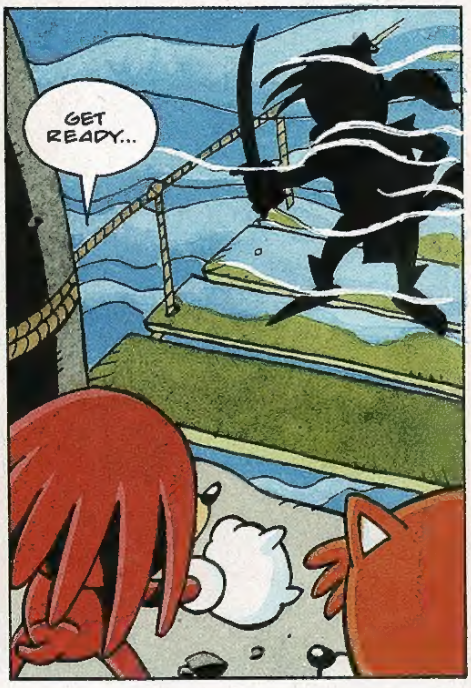
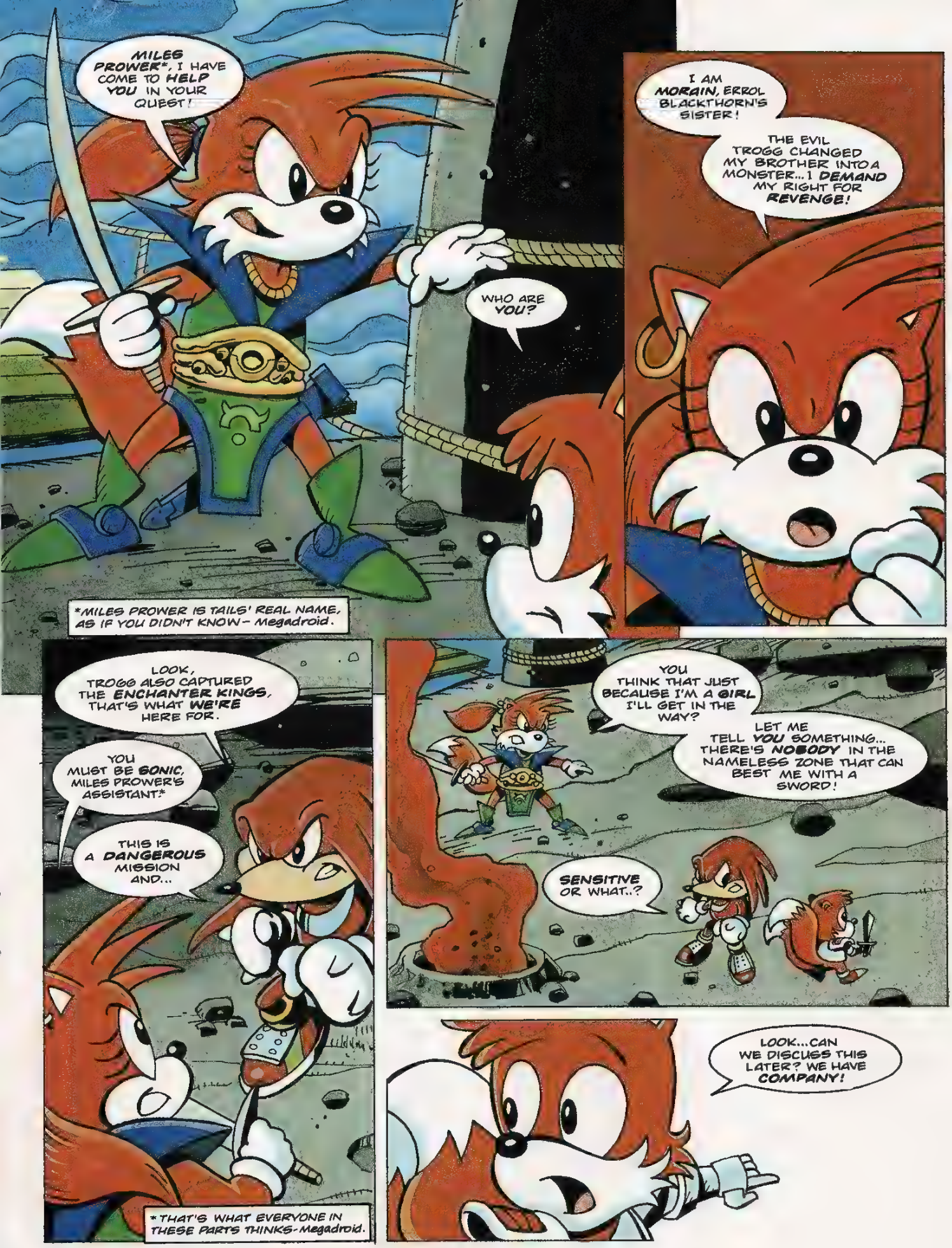

KNUCKLES AND TAILS HAVE CROSSED THE DIMENSION BRIDGE. BUT THEIR MISSION TO RESCUE THE ENCHANTER KINGS IS JUST BEGINNING.
SO THIS IS THE MYSTERIOUS 'LAND BEYOND'.
YES... NOT VERY NICE, IS IT?




MILES PROWER*, I HAVE COME TO HELP YOU IN YOUR QUEST!
WHO ARE YOU?
I AM MORAIN, ERROL BLACKTHORN'S SISTER!
THE EVIL TROGG CHANGED MY BROTHER INTO A MONSTER... I DEMAND MY RIGHT FOR REVENGE!
*MILES PROWER IS TAILS' REAL NAME, AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW - Megadroid.
LOOK, TROGG ALSO CAPTURED THE ENCHANTER KINGS, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR.
YOU MUST BE SONIC, MILES PROWER'S ASSISTANT.*
THIS IS A DANGEROUS MISSION AND...
*THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE IN THESE PARTS THINKS - Megadroid.
YOU THINK THAT JUST BECAUSE I'M A GIRL I'LL GET IN THE WAY?
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING... THERE'S NOBODY IN THE NAMELESS ZONE THAT CAN BEST ME WITH A SWORD!
SENSITIVE OR WHAT..?
LOOK...CAN WE DISCUSS THIS LATER? WE HAVE COMPANY!

MILES PROWER, MY SWORD IS AT YOUR SERVICE. WHAT IS THE PLAN?
YOU MEAN BESIDES THE RUNNING-AWAY-AND-HIDING PLAN?
THIS IS NO TIME FOR JOKES... THEY'RE ATTACKING!
I'D SORT OF NOTICED!...
THERE'S ONLY FIVE... THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG!
YOU'RE GOOD, SONIC... IT'S FUNNY, THOUGH, I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE BLUE!
BLUE? YUCK! THAT'S MY LEAST FAVOURITE COLOUR!
SO, MILES PROWER HAS ARRIVED IN MY ZONE... EXCELLENT!

I WILL SOON HAVE MY REVENGE ON THAT LITTLE TWO-TAILED FREAK!
GOES ON A BIT, DOESN'T HE?
LOOK TROGG, EVERYONE KNOWS HOW MILES PROWER BEAT YOU... BUT YOU'VE BECOME OBSESSED, OLD BOY!
YOU WEAK FOOLS! HOW CAN CREATURES LIKE YOU UNDERSTAND VENGEANCE?
BUT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND SOON ENOUGH!
THE MOON IS NEARING ITS ZENITH, THE TIME IS ALMOST HERE!
THE TIME WHEN I WILL SUMMON FORTH THE DARK ONE!
YOU ENCHANTER KINGS WILL BE CHANGED! CHANGED INTO A SUPERIOR FORM!
YOU WILL BECOME LIKE ME!

SONIC... WHY DO YOU SERVE MILES PROWER? I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU AND YOU ARE BY FAR THE MORE POWERFUL!
OH, TAILS IS A LOT TOUGHER THAN HE LOOKS!
GUYS! ER... I REALLY THINK WE SHOULD GIVE UP NOW!
'A LOT TOUGHER THAN HE LOOKS', EH?
PROWER, WE HAVE THEM BEATEN! THIS IS NO TIME TO SURRENDER!
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY SURE ABOUT THAT, ARE YOU?
NEXT ISSUE: THE DARK ONE!

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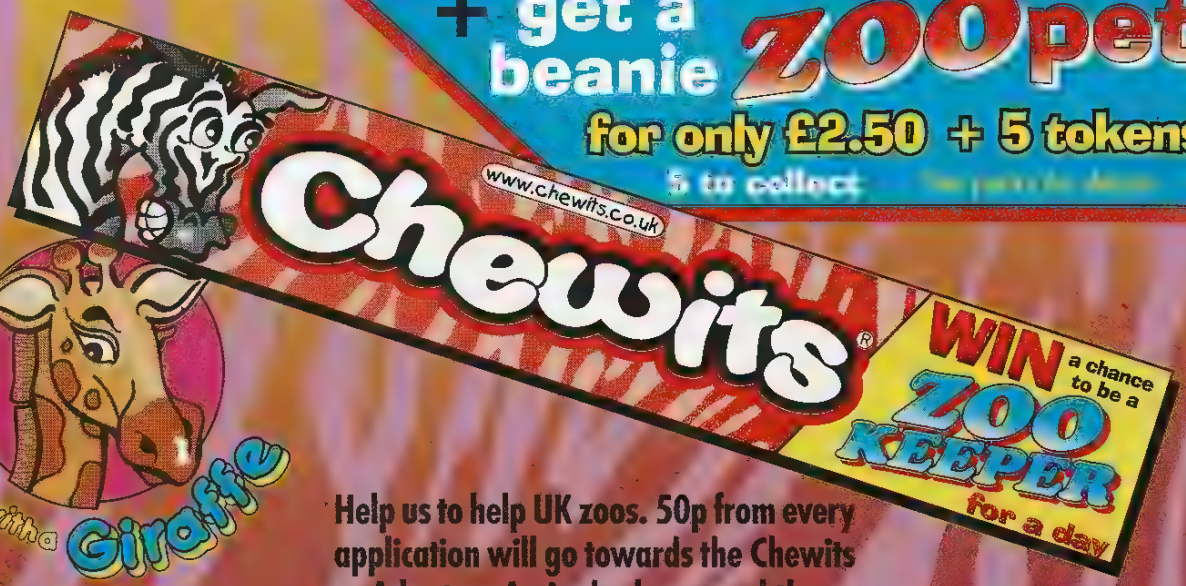

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CAPTAIN Plunder & HIS SKY PIRATES!

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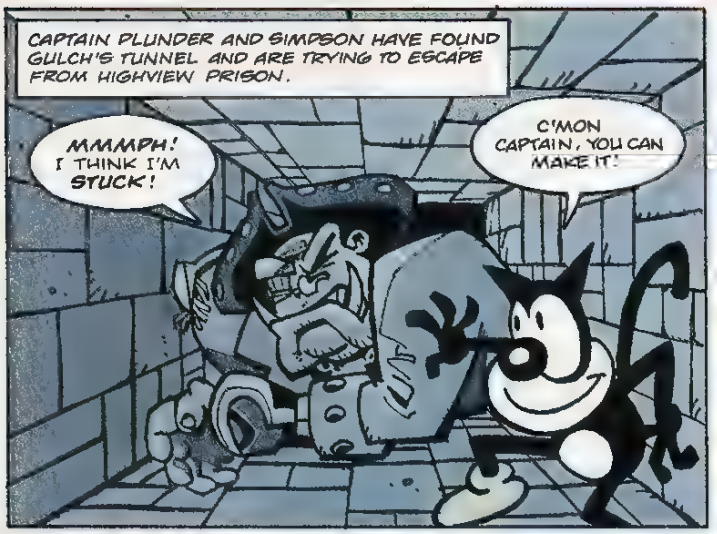
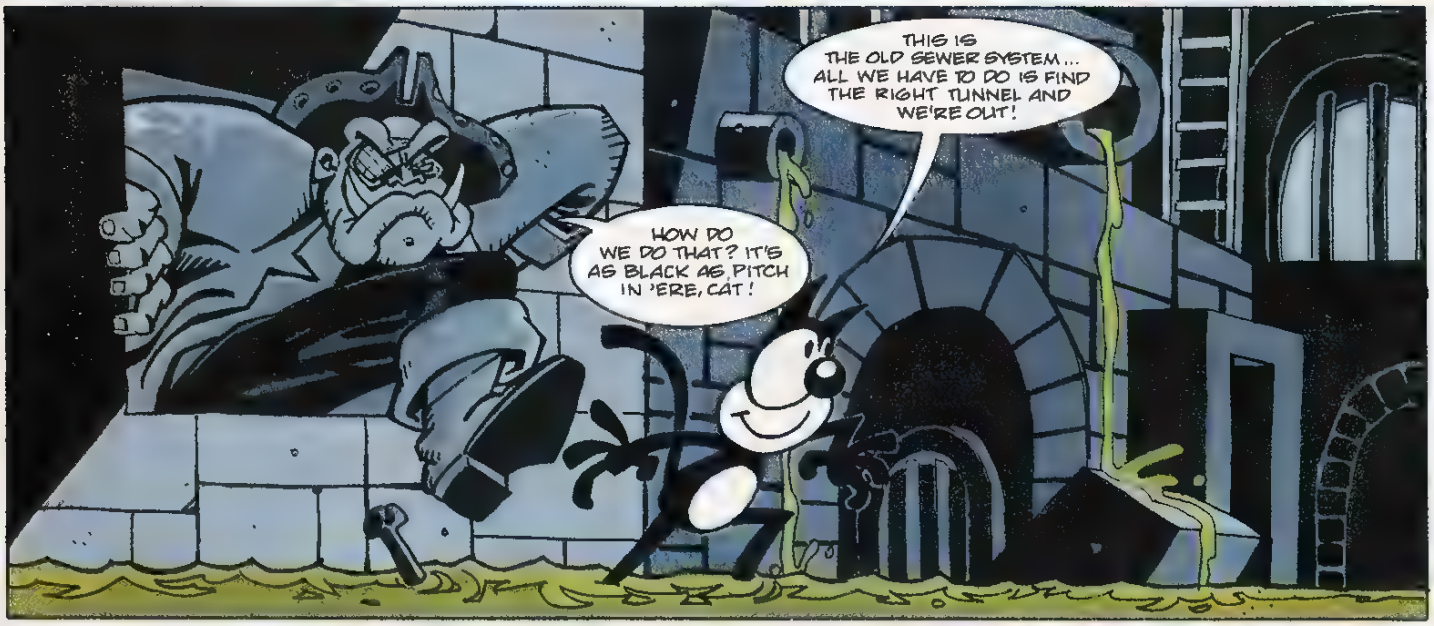
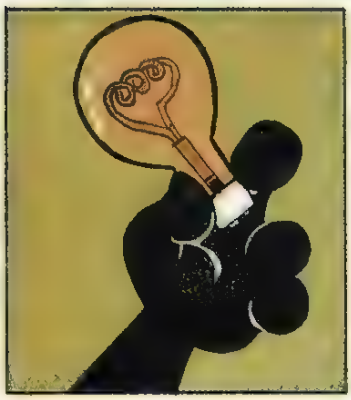
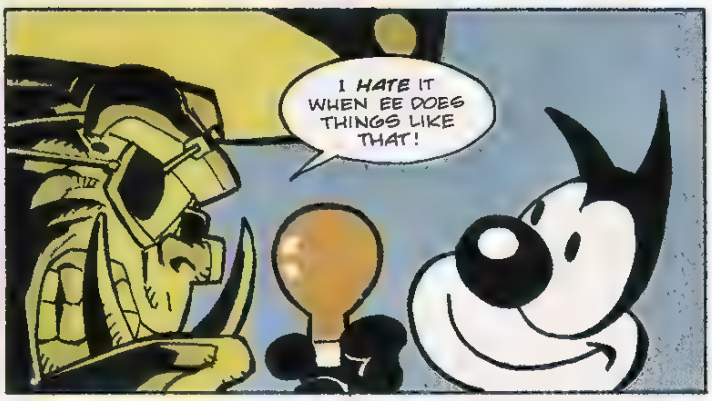
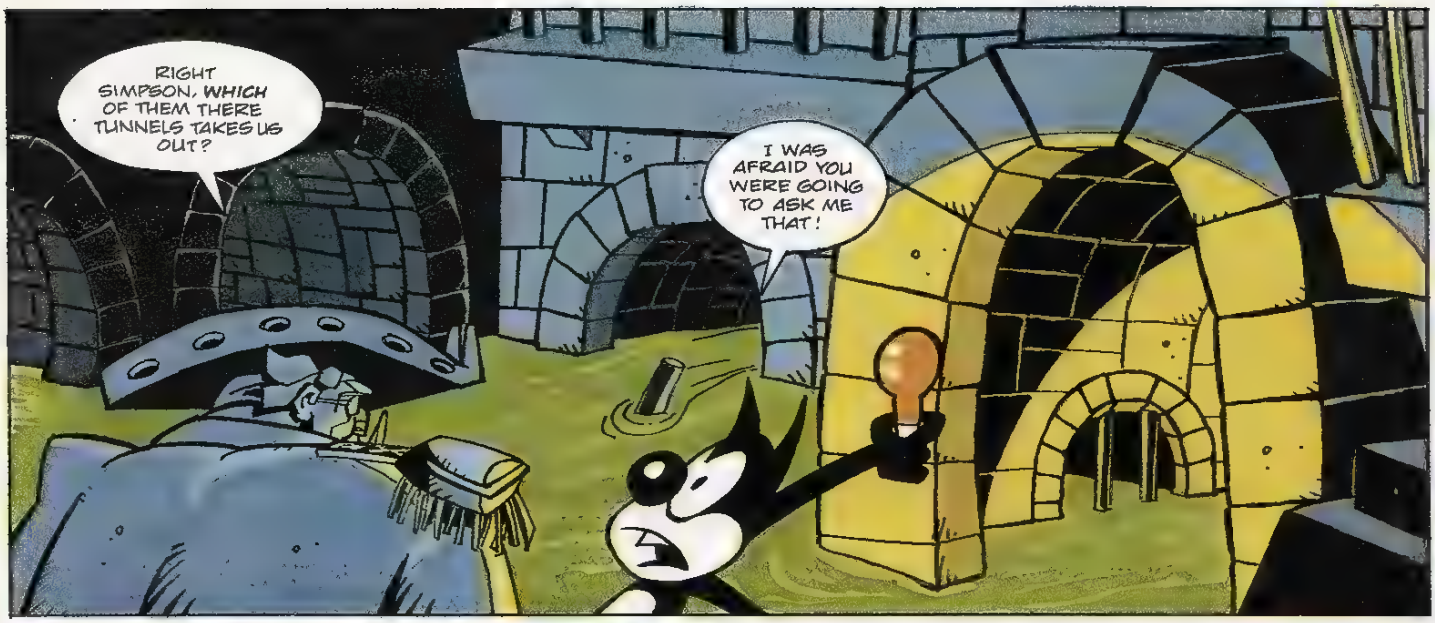
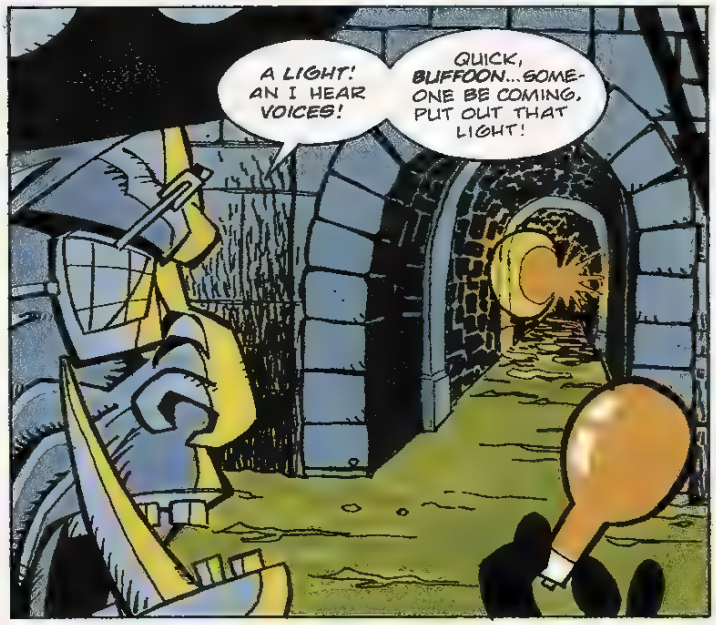

CAPTAIN PLUNDER AND SIMPSON HAVE FOUND GULCH'S TUNNEL AND ARE TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM HIGHVIEW PRISON.
MMMPH! I THINK I'M STUCK!
C'MON CAPTAIN, YOU CAN MAKE IT!


THIS IS THE OLD SEWER SYSTEM... ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS FIND THE RIGHT TUNNEL AND WE'RE OUT!
HOW DO WE DO THAT? IT'S AS BLACK AS PITCH IN 'ERE, CAT!



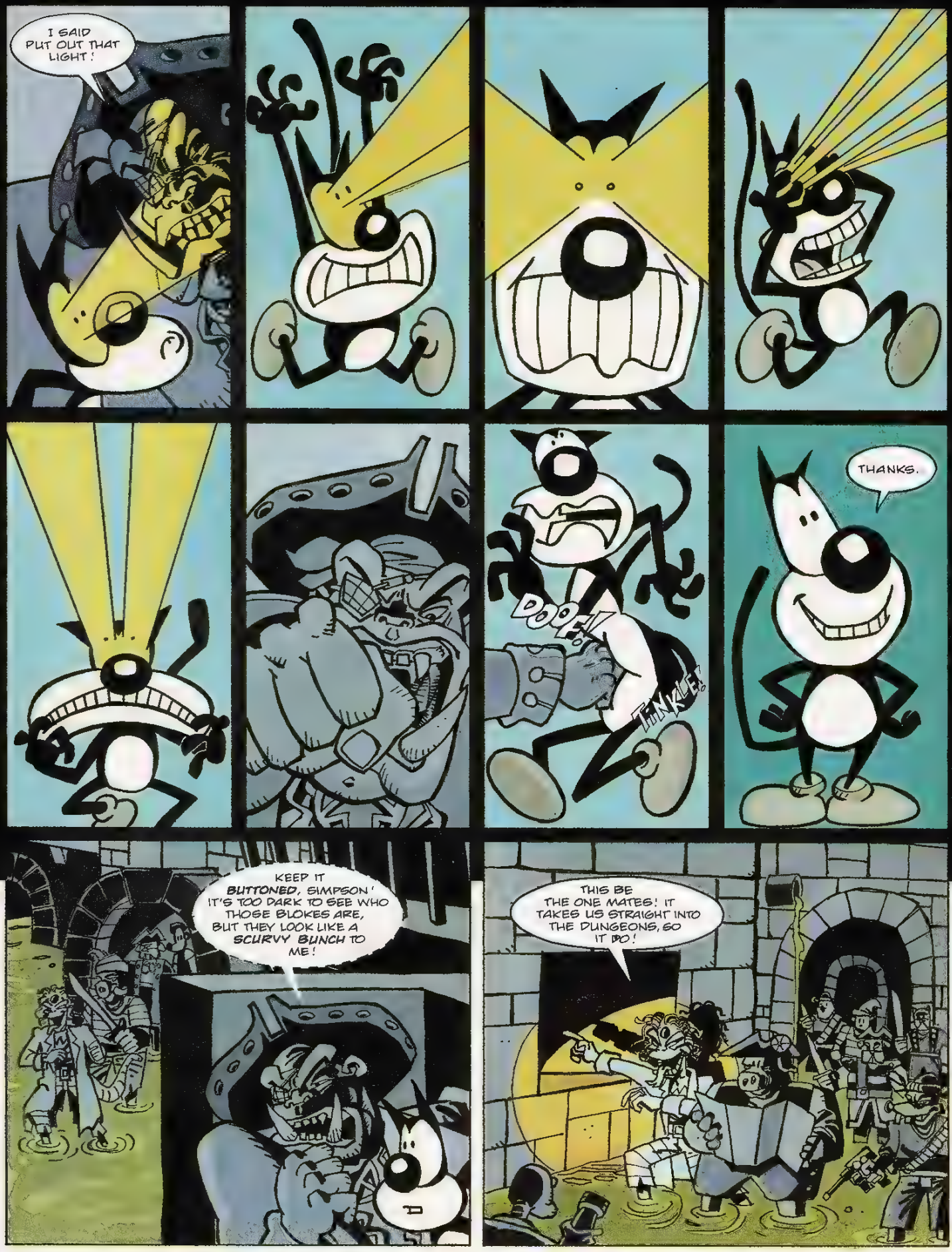



RIGHT SIMPSON, WHICH OF THEM THERE TUNNELS TAKES US OUT?
I WAS AFRAID YOU WERE GOING TO ASK ME THAT!


A LIGHT! AN I HEAR VOICES!
QUICK, BUFFOON...SOMEONE BE COMING, PUT OUT THAT LIGHT!

GULP!

NO PROBS!


I SAID PUT OUT THAT LIGHT!
DOOF!
TINKLE!
THANKS.
KEEP IT BUTTONED, SIMPSON! IT'S TOO DARK TO SEE WHO THOSE BLOKES ARE, BUT THEY LOOK LIKE A SCURVY BUNCH TO ME!
THIS BE THE ONE MATES! IT TAKES US STRAIGHT INTO THE DUNGEONS, SO IT DO!

FOLLOW ME, LADS!
THEY COME BY THIS TUNNEL SO IT MUST BE THE ONE WE IS WANTIN'!
I KNEW THAT!
CAPTAIN PLUNDER'S DARING ESCAPE IS THE BIG STORY THE NEXT DAY...
Mobian Times
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Mobian Mail
WORLD
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METROPOLIS ZONE NEWS
Still No Sign Of Escaped Pirate!
the Mobe
Sonic the Hedgehog Ate My Hamster!
TWO DAYS LATER, AT CAPTAIN PLUNDER'S MYSTIC CAVE HIDEAWAY...
THIS BE BAFFLING, AN' NO MISTAKE!
ALL THE STOLEN BOOTY IS STILL SAFELY TUCKED AWAY BUT THERE BE NOT ONE OF MY CREW TO BE FOUND!
CAP'N! I'VE FOUND EE AT LAST!
WHAT? WHO'S THERE?

IT'S ME, CAP'N!
FILCH! WHERE'S THE REST OF ME CREW, YOU CUR?
ALL CAPTURED, CAP'N! ARRESTED WHILE TRYING TO RESCUE YOU AS A MATTER OF FACT!
SO HOW COME EE ESCAPED?
IT'S LIKE I KEEP TELLING EE CAP'N, I'M A GHOST ...I JUST WALKED THROUGH THE WALL!
THEY CAN'T DO THAT TO MY CREW! I WON'T STAND FOR IT! WE'LL RESCUE 'EM!
THEN YOU CAN SHARE OUT THE BOOTY THEY HELPED YOU STEAL, RIGHT CAPTAIN?
Y'KNOW THEY WERE A PRETTY HOPELESS CREW... I NEVER DID LIKE 'EM MUCH NOW I THINK ON IT.
COME ON MATES, IT'S TIME I FOUND ME A NEW CREW!
PLANET MOBIUS HASN'T HEARD THE LAST OF CAPTAIN PLUNDER!
NOR HAS GTC! CAPTAIN PLUNDER WILL BE BACK SOON!

SPEED Lines

DON'T RESCUE ME!

Dear Sonic,
I love your comic very much and I collect every issue. I have made up a story that you could put in a forthcoming issue. What happens is that Robotnik [Boo! Hiss! - Sonic] catches you and knocks you out! Then, a Metallix destroys Mobius and people think it was you! But then they find out it wasn't you and they rescue you! What do you think?
Richard Parsons, Spalding.

I thought it was great, until the bit where I got rescued. No-one rescues me-I'm too cool!

GOING UNDERGROUND!

Dear Sonic,
I've been watching a cartoon called Sonic Underground. It stars you, your brother Manic, sister Sonia and mother Queen Aleena. The villains were Dr. Robotnik and his tracker dogs Sleet and (morphing mutt) Dingo.
You and your family were freedom fighters (of course) and the villain was Dr. Robotnik. I could go on, but my question is, is this story true?
Maxine Chan, England.

I have all sorts of adventures, Maxine. And this is one of them!

HI, TANIC!

Dear Sonic,
I have drawn a friend for you. Her name is Tanic and she will fall in love with you, but Robotnik will try and split you up.
From Anonymous Boomer, England.

That's typical of old Egg Breath!

QUESTION TIME!

Dear Sonic,
I am an avid reader of your comic and I wondered if you could answer these two questions: what sort of animal is Mighty in the Chaotix Crew? Why are you so certain that you are "the best guy on Mobius?"
Thomas Keningley, Wirral.

Question 1: Mighty is a very fierce animal (so he says)! Question 2: What? You mean there's someone cleverer than me on Mobius? Or someone faster that me? Or braver? Or cooler? I don't think so!!!

HIGH-PRO SCOOTERS COMPETITION

Hundreds of you entered, but, unfortunately, only three could win. Take a bow, please: -

Sam Ruttledge, Plymouth, S. Devon; S.H. Beck, North Wales; Paul Timewell, Worcester.

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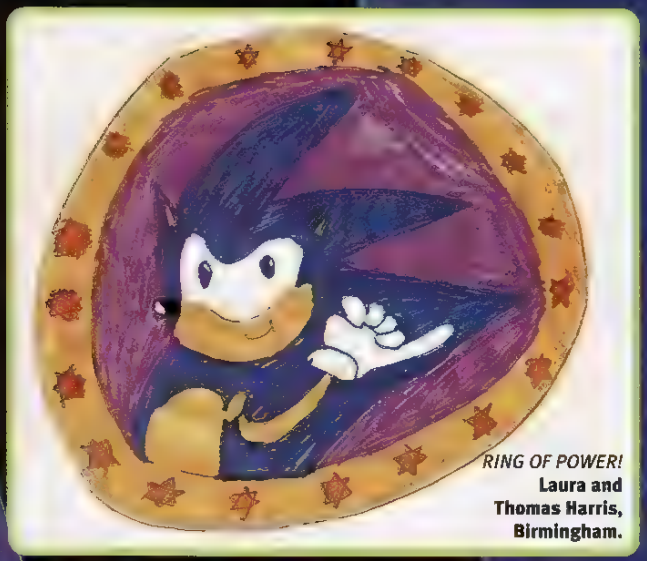
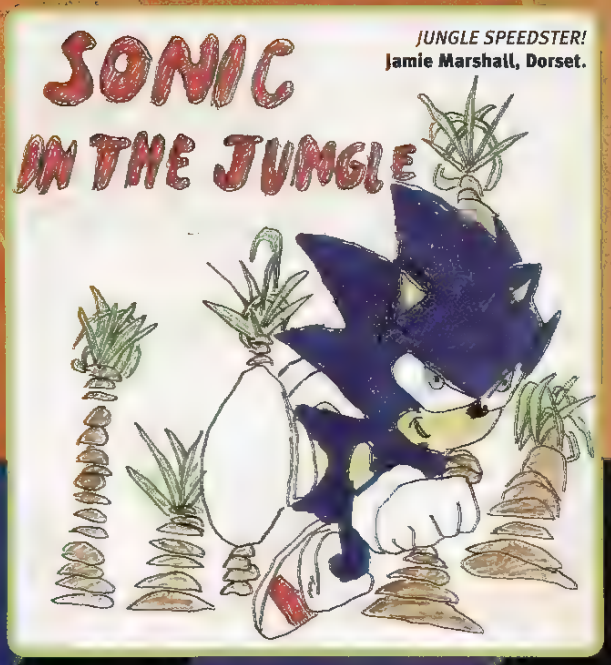


RING OF POWER!
Laura and Thomas Harris, Birmingham.

SKATING CRAZY!
Christopher Smith, Kent

FAB FOURSOME!
Michael Butcher, Herts.



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HIGH-SCORING HOG!
Anonymous Boomer, Birmingham.

LICENCE TO THRILL!
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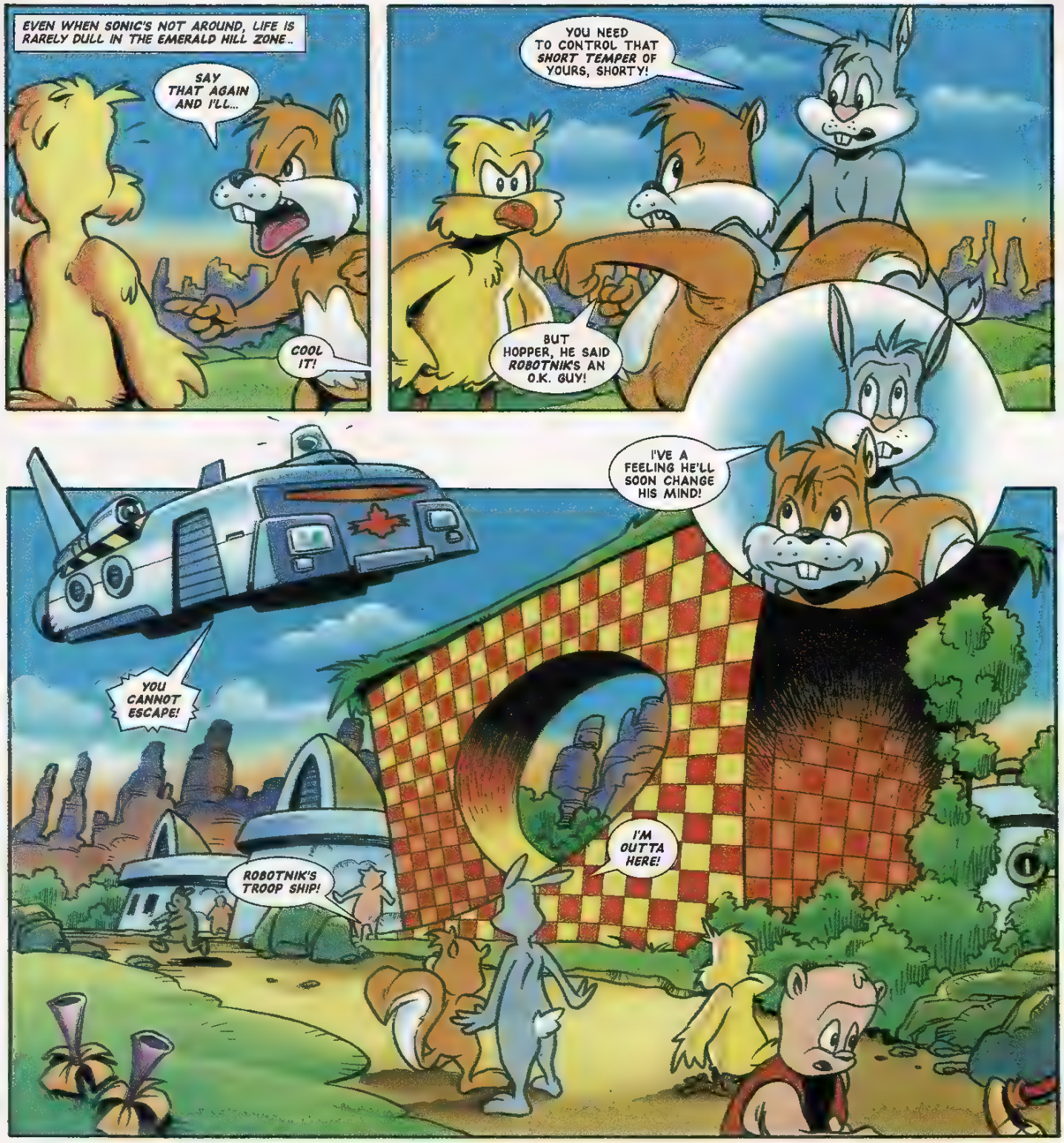
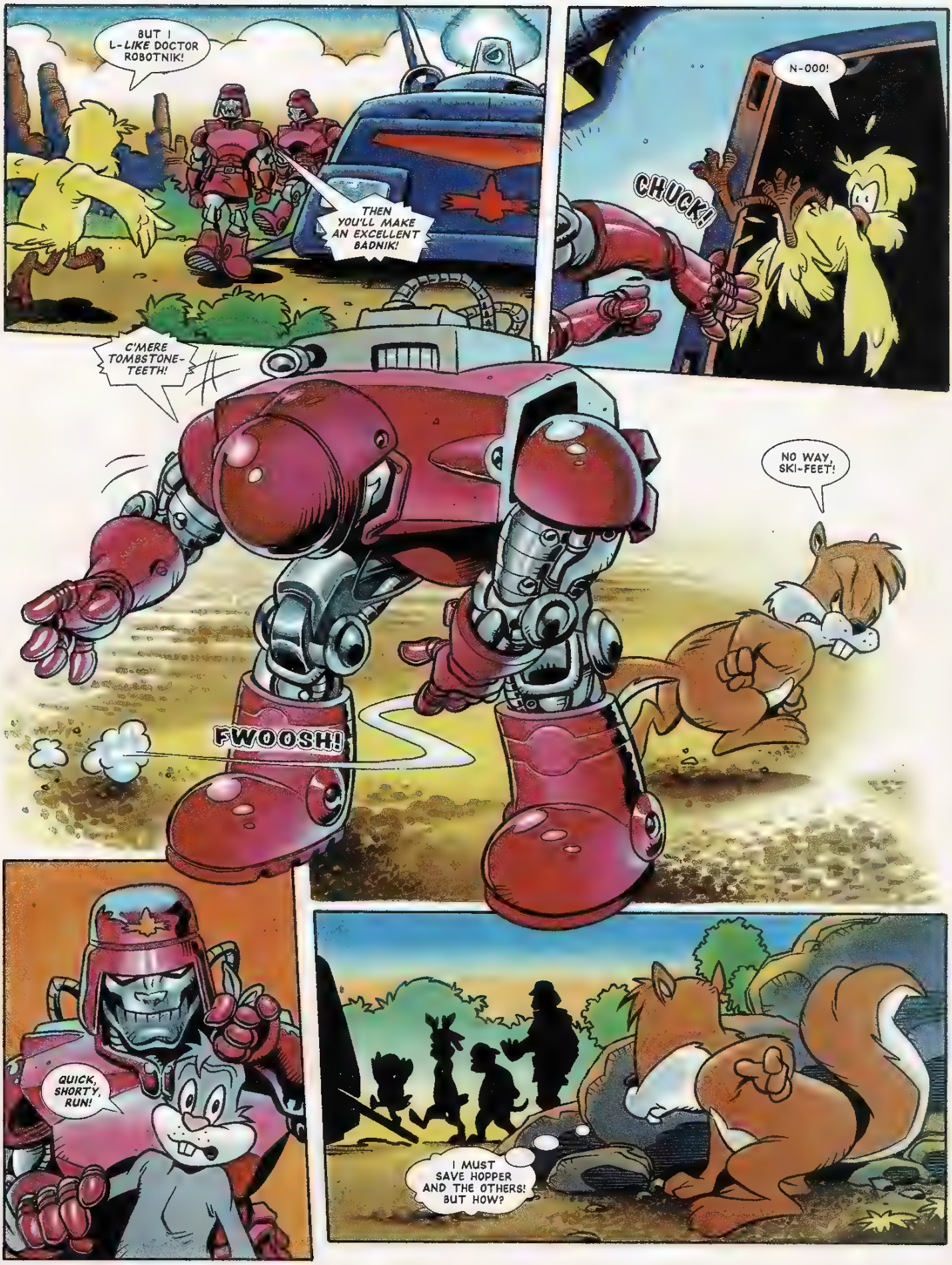
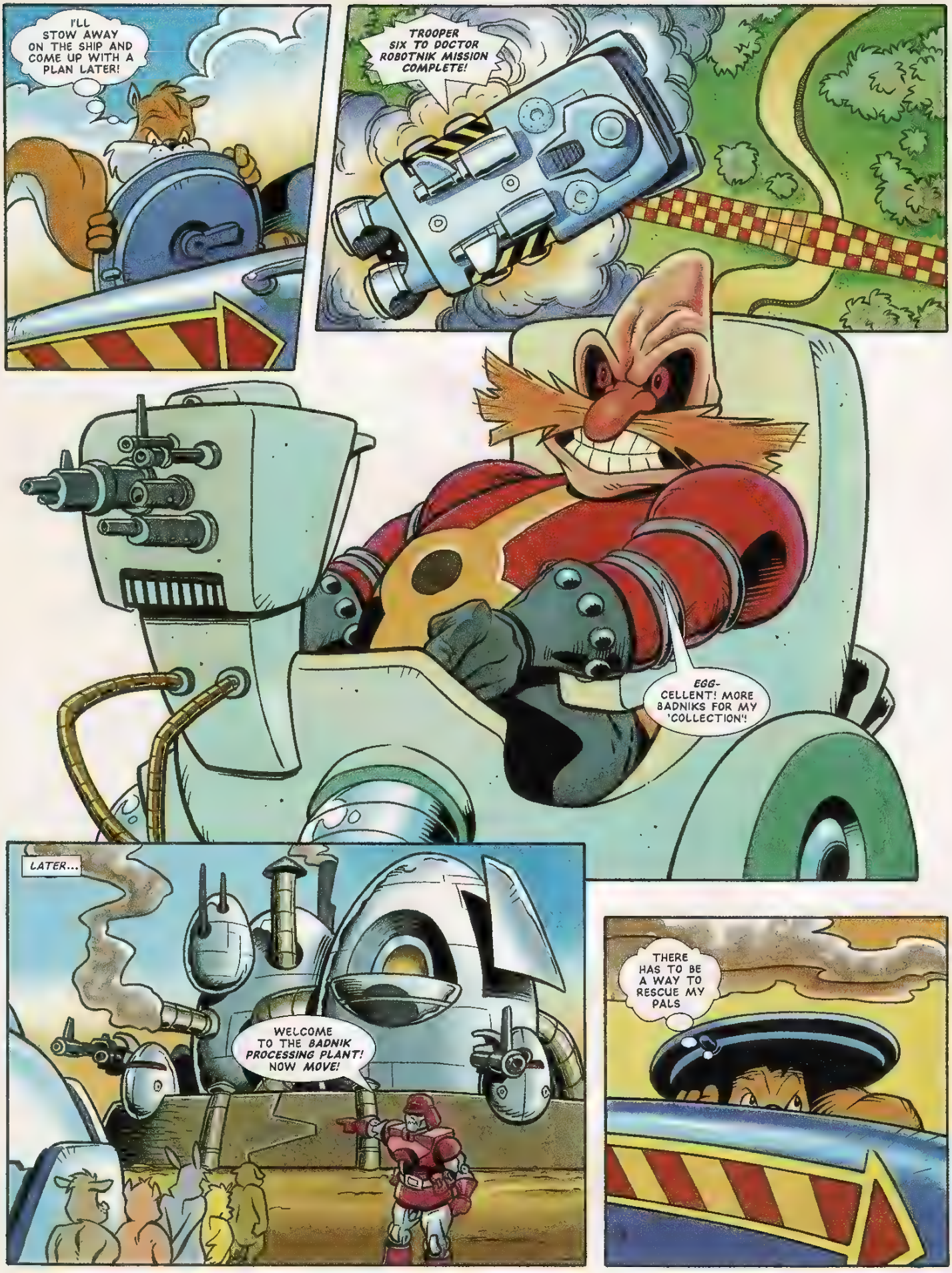
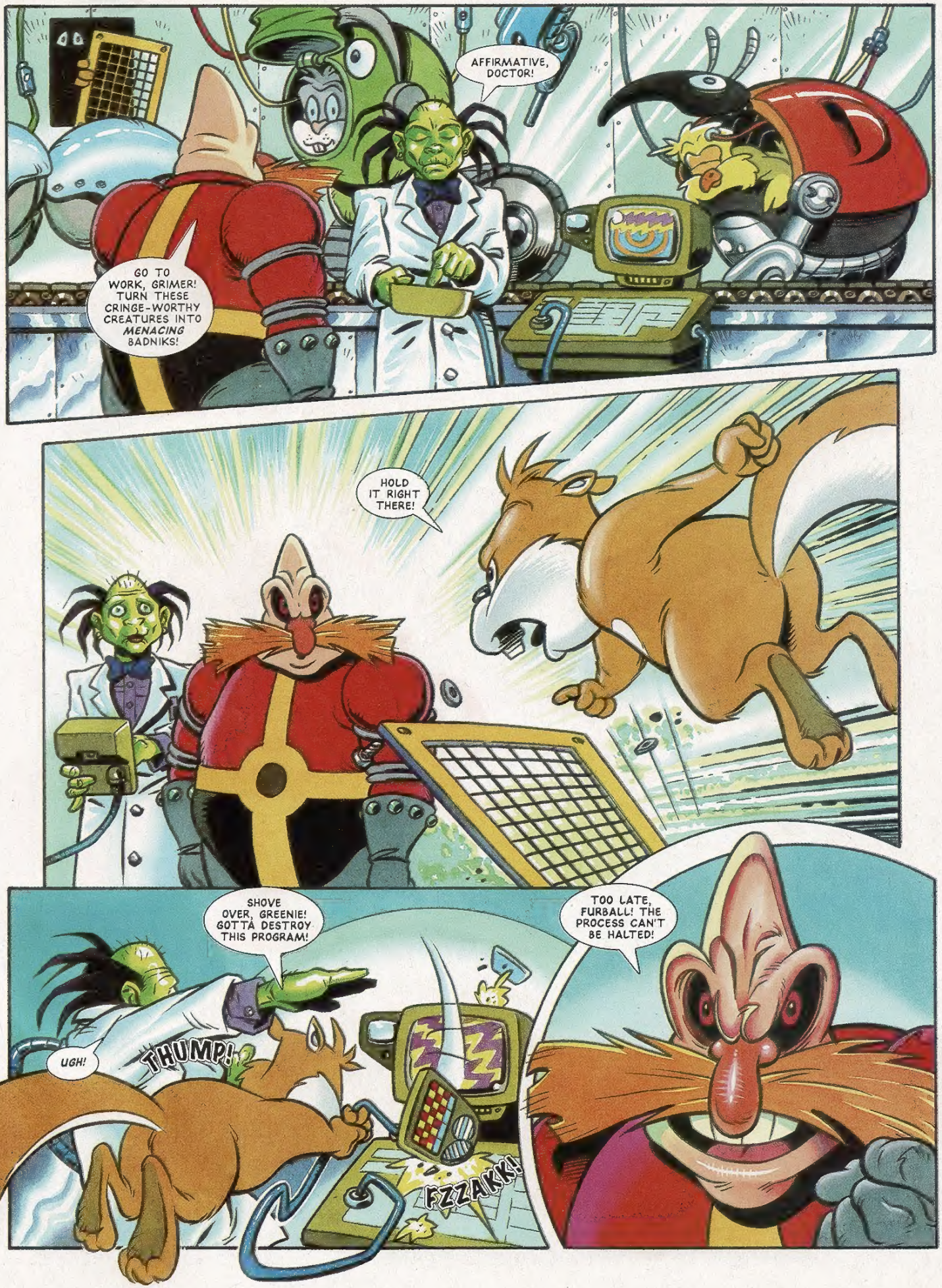

EVEN WHEN SONIC'S NOT AROUND, LIFE IS RARELY DULL IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE..
SAY THAT AGAIN AND I'LL...
COOL IT!
YOU NEED TO CONTROL THAT SHORT TEMPER OF YOURS, SHORTY!
BUT HOPPER, HE SAID ROBOTNIK'S AN O.K. GUY!
I'VE A FEELING HE'LL SOON CHANGE HIS MIND!
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE!
ROBOTNIK'S TROOP SHIP!
I'M OUTTA HERE!


BUT I L-LIKE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
THEN YOU'LL MAKE AN EXCELLENT BADNIK!
N-000!
CHUCK!
C'MERE TOMBSTONE-TEETH!
NO WAY, SKI-FEET!
FWOOSH!
QUICK, SHORTY, RUN!
I MUST SAVE HOPPER AND THE OTHERS! BUT HOW?


I'LL STOW AWAY ON THE SHIP AND COME UP WITH A PLAN LATER!
TROOPER SIX TO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK MISSION COMPLETE!
EGG-CELLENT! MORE BADNIKS FOR MY 'COLLECTION'!
LATER...
WELCOME TO THE BADNIK PROCESSING PLANT! NOW MOVE!
THERE HAS TO BE A WAY TO RESCUE MY PALS


AFFIRMATIVE, DOCTOR!
GO TO WORK, GRIMER! TURN THESE CRINGE-WORTHY CREATURES INTO *MENACING* BADNIKS!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
SHOVE OVER, GREENIE! GOTTA DESTROY THIS PROGRAM!
UGH!
THUMP!
FZZAKK!
TOO LATE, FURBALL! THE PROCESS CAN'T BE HALTED!

YOUR MERRY MUCKERS ARE NOW BADNIKS! HAHAHA!
YOU BIG-NOSED CREEP! I'LL GET YOU FOR THAT!
TEMPER, TEMPER, SQUIRREL-KINS! I HAVE A SPECIAL PLAN FOR YOU!
YOU'RE NOT TURNING ME INTO A BADNIK, EGG-BREATH!
WHO MENTIONED BADNIK? YOU HAVE THE HONOUR OF BECOMING THE FIRST OF A NEW TYPE OF SUPER-BADNIK! AN UNSTOPPABLE CYBERNIK FORCE THAT EVEN THE CURSED SONIC COULD NEVER DEFEAT!
ONCE CONNECTED TO THE CIRCUITRY OF THE CYBERNIK, YOU CAN NEVER BE FREE AGAIN!
CONGRATULATIONS! HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BECOMING A SLAVE OF DESTRUCTION FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE? HAHAHAHA!
NOOOOO!
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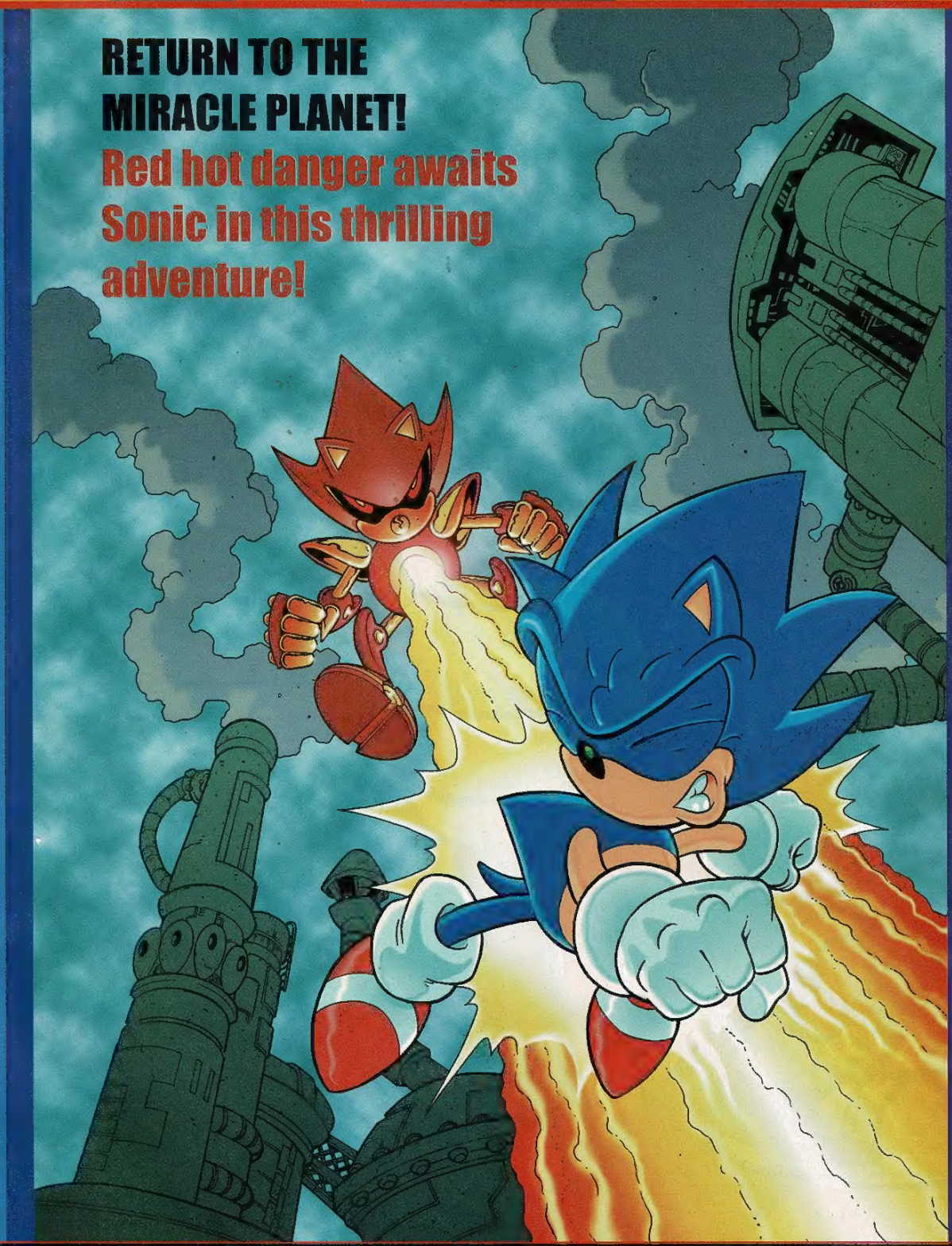

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